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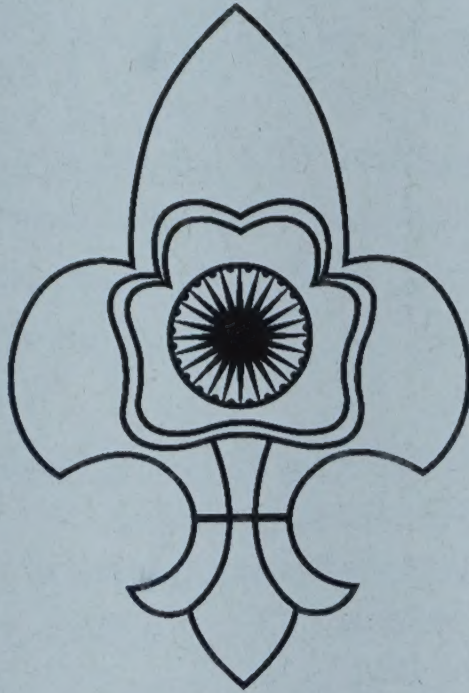






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## FOREWORD

The Bharat Scouts and Guides is a Joint Movement with Scouts affiliated to WOSM and Guides to WAGGGS at the International level. As a member of the worldwide Association, every Guide, Guider, Commissioner and Trainer is expected to know the origin of WAGGGS its history, Vision, Common links, its administration and work.

The organization which completed 100 years, spread over 150 countries of the world stresses on supporting and empowering girls and women to achieve their fullest potentials and become responsible citizens of the world.

Important details pertaining to WAGGGS have been compiled as a book to be available in the hands of every Girl Guide of Bharat Scouts and Guides. Efforts made by Mrs. K. Alamelu, former Joint Director(SS) of NHQ Mr. E. Sarathraj, Computer Operator, BSG, NHQ to bring out this book is worth mentioning.

We acknowledge the contribution of WAGGGS Executives especially Ms. Grace Tam, Relationship Manager, WAGGGS, Asia Pacific Region in updating this edition.

Dear members, please make the best use of the book published by National Headquarters.

I wish you the Best of Guiding.

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# Chapter 1

## Who we are

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world. Our diverse Movement represents ten million girls and young women from 150 countries.

For more than 100 years Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting has transformed the lives of girls and young women worldwide, supporting and empowering them to achieve their fullest potential and become responsible citizens of the world.

Our strengths lie in innovative non-formal educational programmes, leadership development, advocacy work and community action, empowering girls and young women to develop the skills and confidence needed to make positive changes in their lives, in their communities and countries.

We deliver these programmes in five WAGGGS Regions: Africa, Arab, Asia Pacific, Europe and Western Hemisphere. We also hold advocacy and leadership events at our five World Centres: Our Chalet in Switzerland, Sangam in India, Pax Lodge in the UK, Our Cabaña in Mexico and Kusafiri Fifth World Centre travelling around Africa. Through our global programmes, girls from all over the world come together to learn new skills, share their international experiences and form lifelong friendships.

There are lots of ways you can get involved with WAGGGS' work, whether you want to become a partner, join Girl Guiding or Girl Scouting, volunteer or support us as a donor. Please take a look around our website for more information or contact us.

### **Our Vision is for:**

*All girls are valued and take action to change the world.*

### **Our Mission is:**

*To enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.*



## **To achieve the Mission and Vision, we have developed two Goals in our Global Operations Plan:**

### **Goal 1:**

Provide more opportunities for girls and young women to grow and lead through the programmes and methods based on the fundamental principles of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting

### **Goal 2:**

Empower girls and young women to be agents of change in the world through the programmes and methods based on the fundamental principles of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting

The goals will help to ensure our continued work towards achieving our Mission and Vision 2020, and towards the empowerment of girls and young women to understand and speak out about their rights and roles in their communities.

To make these goals happen, and ensure that we meet Vision 2020, we are following the 2015-2017 Global strategic plan, as voted on at the 35th World Conference in Hong Kong.

Placing girls and young women at the centre of all our work, at both regional and global level, our Mission and Vision are at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take here at the World Association. Together, the Mission and Vision uphold the inherent values of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement and ensure that the work we do; our educational materials, leadership and development programmes, and international campaigns, all contribute towards the building of a better future and achieving our Vision of a better and safer world for girls and young women.

Being the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world means that to work together with our member organizations, partners, volunteers and girls and young women, and to successfully deliver our materials and





programmes, our movement needs to readily reflect the ever growing and changing global environment in which we operate. This means looking back on the work we have already done and planning for the future to ensure that our movement remains reflective and supportive of the global issues that affect girls and young women, and the issues important to them.

To understand the direction of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement for the end of the decade, we held in-depth consultations with our members, partners and young women and developed Vision 2020. Representing and highlighting Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting's shift to a Movement which reflects the transformation of member organizations into life-changing and community-shaping bodies, Vision 2020 is also capturing girls' and young women's desires to develop them and contribute to improving the lives of others.





## Chapter 2

# History of WAGGGS

Over more than 100 years, around 250 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have been changing lives and building a better world through leadership development, community action, service to others, peer education and advocacy.

### How did Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting begin?

In 1909, a group of eleven girls appeared at a Boy Scout Rally in the UK declaring themselves to be Girl Scouts. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, decided that there should be a Movement for girls.

Guiding was introduced that same year to respond to the specific needs of girls and young women. Groups of Girl Guides soon started in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand and South Africa.

A year later, the Girl Guide Association was officially established in the UK under the leadership of Agnes Baden-Powell, the sister of Lord Baden-Powell. By 1912 there were also groups in Ireland, Portugal, Norway and Juliette Low founded Girl Scouting in the USA in 1912.

The movement continued to grow over the years, and today there is Girl Guide or Girl Scouts Associations in 150 countries!

### How did WAGGGS begin?

The First World Conference held in England, in 1920. It was a historic occasion that gave representatives of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting world the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and experiences. This contributed to not only a heightened and strengthened international scouting and guiding experience, but it also raised the awareness and profile of the movement.





Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting became known to the International Council and, for the first time, groups began to plan trips abroad, with the First World Camp organized to coincide with the Third International Conference, in 1924, Foxlease, UK, and brought 1,100 girls and young women together from 40 countries.

As the Movement grew and expanded, country representatives began to feel that it was time to create something more solid and binding and the idea of forming a world association was proposed after the 4th World Conference in 1926 at New York.

The founder of the Movement, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, sought the opinions of all known Girl Guide and Girl Scout organizations and asked them to consider the proposition.

Delegates from 26 countries met at the Fifth International Conference in Hungary in 1928, and formed the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), with a World Bureau as its secretariat to be located in London, replacing an advisory body, the International Council created in 1919.

It was decided that the newly founded World Association would hold elections to determine a World Committee, of which Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and the Director of the World Bureau, would be ex-officio members. International Conferences (now known as World Conferences) take place once every three years and to this day remain a platform for policy and decision making for Member Organizations.

The First World Conference was instrumental in shaping the collective experience of Girl Guiding and Scouting, in bringing a number of countries together to share their vision of the movement, shape the future and direction of the Guiding and Scouting World – a legacy which continues in our global movement today.

## **Timeline**

**1907** – Army general Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founding father of the Scout Movement and first chief scout of the boy scouts association, organized the first scout camp in United Kingdom.



**1908** – Baden-Powell published a book based on his scheme and ideas for the training of boys. His book, titled *Scouting for Boys* inspired thousands of boys around the country to join the Movement.

***Did you know?*** *Scouting for Boys became one of the best selling books of the 20th century.*

**1909** – The first Boy Scout rally, organised by Baden-Powell in Crystal Palace, South London, saw eleven numbers of girls attending. They were proclaiming to be Girl Scouts and prompted the founder to include girls and young women into the Movement.

**1910** – The Girl Guides movement was formally founded in 1910 by Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes Baden-Powell.

***Did you know?*** *Even before the foundation of an association, groups of Guides had already existed in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand, and South Africa.*

**1912** – Juliette 'Daisy' Gordon Low founded Girl Guiding in the USA. She assembled 18 girls from Georgia on 12 March 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting and believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally and spiritually.

**1919** - The International Council was formed, it later became the International Conference.

**1926** - World Thinking Day was launched at the Fourth International Conference.

**1928** - WAGGGS was formed at the fifth International Conference, Hungary. It is at that conference that International Conference became the World Conference. There were 26 founding members of WAGGGS (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, **India**, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and Northern Ireland, USA and Yugoslavia).

**1931** – The Movement continued to grow throughout the two World Wars and in 1931, WAGGGS reached one million members.

**1932** – The first WAGGGS World Centre, Our Chalet, officially opened in Switzerland on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1932.

**1932** – The first Juliette Low Seminar was held at Our Chalet.



**1939** – The Second WAGGGS World Centre was **Our Ark** established in London and opened officially on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1939.

**1940** – The WAGGGS Western Hemisphere Region was formed.

**1941** – Lord Robert Baden-Powell died on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. His wife Olave Baden-Powell continued to lead the Movement as Chief Guide.

**1957** – The third WAGGGS World Centre, Our Cabaña in Cuernavaca, Mexico, was opened by Olave Baden-Powell.

**1963** – During the Silver Jubilee ceremony in 1963 Our Ark was renamed as "**Olave House**" in honor of Lady Olave Baden-Powell.

**1966** – The fourth World Centre, Sangam, opened in India.

**1969** – The WAGGGS Asia Pacific Region was formed.

**1971** – The WAGGGS Europe Region was formed.

**1975** – The WAGGGS Africa Region was formed.

**1977** – Lady Olave Baden-Powell passed away.

**1985** – The World Bureau officially opened in London, UK.

**1991** – Pax Lodge World Centre opens in London, UK.

**1993** – The first Global Action Theme (GAT) curriculum was launched: 'Create Peace Worldwide.'

**1999** – The WAGGGS Arab Region was formed.

**1999** – WAGGGS launched its first advocacy campaign, 'Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy.'

**2002** – The second GAT was launched, called 'Our Rights Our Responsibilities'.

**2008** – The third GAT was launched: 'Together we can change our world; based United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

**2008** – The WAGGGS Leadership Development Programme (WLDP) was launched.

**2010-2012** – WAGGGS celebrated the centenary of international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

**2011** – The WAGGGS Global Advocacy Campaign, 'Stop the Violence – Speak out for girls' rights' was launched.

**2015** – WAGGGS become an Incorporated Charity.



Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting involves physical and emotional development, and through membership of the Movement each Girl Guide and Girl Scout enjoys a variety of stimulating activities and challenges which encourage the individual to contribute to the best of her ability to ensure the success of her group's activities.

Girl Guides and Girl Scouts develop themselves through our unique value-based and non-formal educational approach. The Movement encourages individual approaches to non-formal education. The Girl Guide and Girl Scout therefore chooses her route and proceeds with her chosen activities at her own pace, exercising self-motivation and freedom of choice. In this way, the Girl Guide and Girl Scout progresses individually, as well as learning to interact successfully as part of a group, developing her own imagination and creativity.

### **What WAGGGS do?**

Through our 150 Member Organizations, and by working directly with girls and young women across the world, we pride ourselves with delivering high quality non-formal education programmes and international opportunities. We aim to give girls and young women dynamic, flexible and values-based training in life skills, leadership and citizenship.

All of our activities and programmes fall within four broad areas of social change that contribute to our global vision of all girls and young women being valued and taking action to change the world.

### **Volunteer**

Giving service in the community has been a core value of Girl Guiding and Girls Scouting for over 100 years. Our Movement would not be where it is today without our 1.5 million volunteers - from the leaders who support girls and young women in local groups, to our World Board members.

Volunteering with Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting is incredibly rewarding. If you would like to get involved, visit our Jobs and Opportunities pages to find out how you can join the WAGGGS family.





## Chapter 3

# WAGGGS Constitution and Bye Laws

Learn more about WAGGGS Constitution and Bye-laws

The WAGGGS' Constitution is based on the values of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement and it governs the operation of WAGGGS safeguarding our Fundamental Principles.

At the World Conference held in Hong Kong in July 2014, Member Organizations voted in favour of the CIO constitution being adopted as the governing document of WAGGGS. On the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 WAGGGS was officially registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organization with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

As well as the Constitution, WAGGGS has in place policies to guide its work.





# Chapter 4

## Membership

WAGGGS is the official umbrella organization for all national Girl Guide and Girl Scout organizations in the world. Our 146 Member Organisations are diverse, passionate and crucial to the international Movement. Being a member of WAGGGS is to be part of a strong and growing network of leaders, all committed to empowering and supporting girls and young women.

All WAGGGS' Member Organizations have criteria of Membership laid down in WAGGGS' Constitution. Members are also required to adhere to specific criteria to deliver the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting experience, which includes:

- ⊙ Commitment through the Promise and Law
- ⊙ Progressive self-development
- ⊙ Learning by doing
- ⊙ Teamwork through the Patrol System and training for responsible leadership
- ⊙ Active co-operation between young people and adults
- ⊙ Service in the community
- ⊙ Outdoor activities
- ⊙ Symbolism

One Member Organization only can be recognized in any one country.

### Types of membership

There are two categories of Membership of the World

**Association:** Full Membership and Associate Membership. These are defined in WAGGGS' Constitution and Bye-Laws (12th edition, July 2008) as:

#### 1. Full Membership

A Full Member of the World Association is a National Organization working in the true spirit of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement, which shall:

- demonstrate sustained adherence to the criteria of Membership of the World Association and to its Constitution and Bye-Laws;



- ★ have a Constitution incorporating the criteria of Membership and other requirements suited to its needs, which shall be submitted to and approved by the World Board and re-submitted for approval whenever it is being amended;
- ★ apply its funds and assets for the implementation of the Object of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement, and not for the profit of any person;
- ★ adopt a name including Girl Guide/Girl Scout or other suitable name approved by the World Board and adopt the method of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement and (subject to and in accordance with Article 5) the Trefoil in its badge as the symbol of the three parts of the Original Promise;
- ★ have a well-developed Organization, suited to the needs of the country and national in its operation, with:
  - ✦ a responsible central body truly representative of all Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting within the country;
  - ✦ a programme based on the Fundamental Principles, using the method of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement and designed to meet the needs of girls and young women of different age groups, adequate leadership and a suitable training programme;
  - ✦ Sound policies and plans for continuing development, administration and finance, based on continuing self-evaluation.
- ★ carry its share of responsibility as a Member of the World Association including participation in the Regional Way of Work;
- ★ Pay annually the agreed Membership quota to the World Association.
- ★ **Our Bharat Scouts and Guides is a full membership organisation of WAGGGS.**

## ***2. Associate Membership***

An Associate Member of the World Association is a National Organization which shall fulfil the conditions given above except that in relation to clause (e) a lesser degree of development is required and they have different voting rights.





# Chapter 5

## World Bureau

The World Bureau has been the secretariat of WAGGGS since 1928.

The secretariat of WAGGGS, the World Bureau, was first set up in 1928 and has moved to its current location, the Olave Centre in north London, UK, in 1984.

Originally a residential building built in 1810, it was known named after the First Earl of Rosslyn, Rosslyn Lodge, who became Lord Chancellor in 1793. During the First World War, the building was used as a hospital, a hotel, a nurses' home and a hostel.

Today Rosslyn Lodge is part of the Olave Centre, home of both the World Bureau and Pax Lodge World Centre, which completed Olave Baden-Powell's dream of uniting the World Bureau with the World Centre in London.

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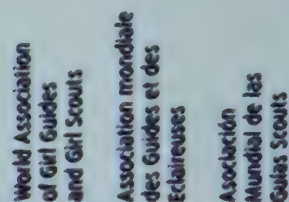
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### **The work of the World Bureau**

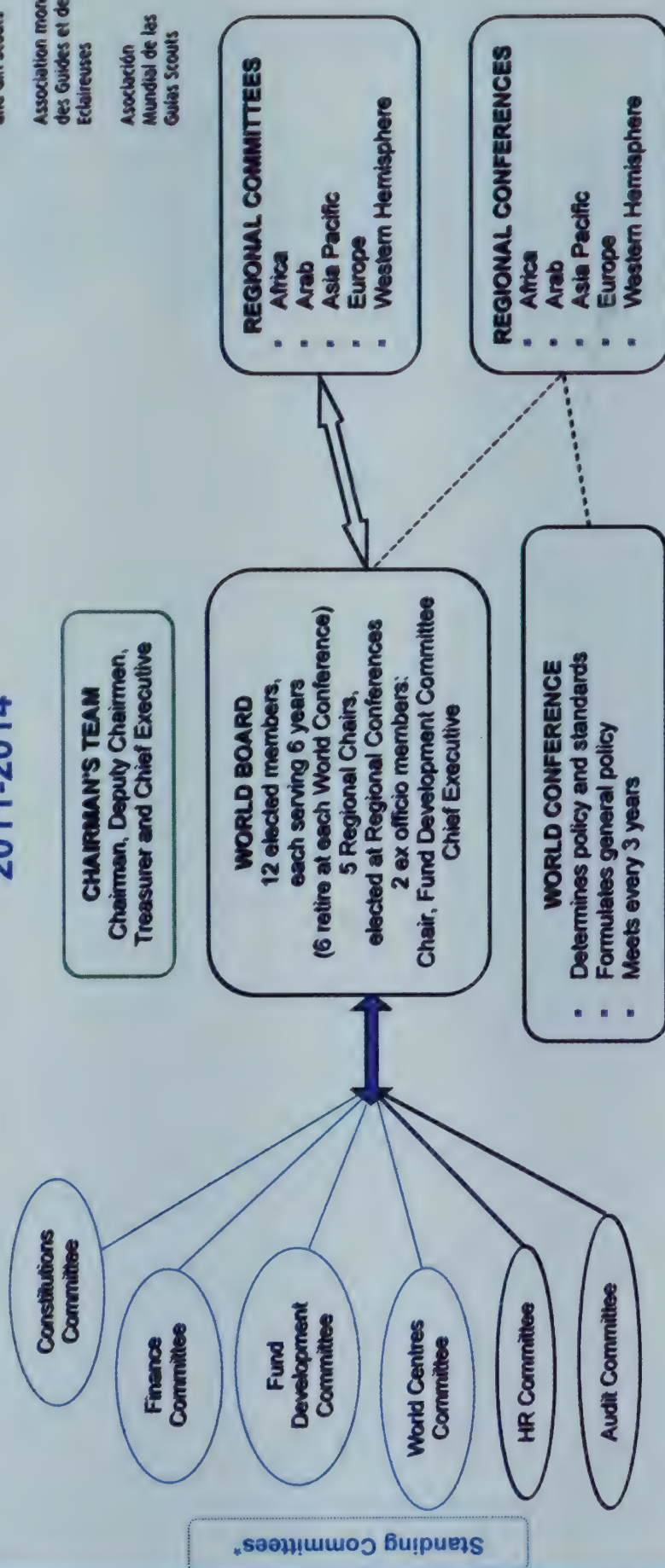
The World Bureau provides services to, and a link between, WAGGGS' Member Organizations, and to National Organizations Working towards Membership; supports National Organizations in their preparations for Associate and Full Membership; assists with the overall planning and coordination of World Conferences and World Board meetings; and implements decisions taken at World Conferences, World Board and Committee meetings.

The work of WAGGGS is conducted in three official languages: English, French and Spanish.





## WAGGS' Governance Structure Chart 2011-2014



## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

**Each Full and Associate Member Organization appoints two delegates and, a number of observers depending on membership**

\* Other Working/Task Groups exist but are not listed on this chart.

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# WAGGGS' Governance Structure Chart 2011-2014





# Chapter 6

## Common Links

### The Original Promise and Law

Lord Robert Baden-Powell encouraged the development of the whole person, including spiritual, moral, physical, mental, social, intellectual and emotional aspects. All of these aspects all were instrumental in the creation of the Fundamental Principles of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting, outlined in the Original Promise and Law.



### Original Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best:  
To do my duty to God and the King (Or God and my country);  
To help other people at all times;  
To obey the Guide Law

### Original Law

- A Guide's honour is to be trusted.
- A Guide is loyal.
- A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others.
- A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide.
- A Guide is courteous.
- A Guide is a friend to animals.
- A Guide obeys orders.
- A Guide smiles and sings under all difficulties.
- A Guide is thrifty.
- A Guide is pure in thought, in word and in deed

### World Trefoil

The Trefoil, used on the World Badge, is the unifying symbol of WAGGGS with every part of the design having its meaning.



The golden Trefoil on a bright blue background, for example, represents the sun shining over all the children of the world; the three leaves represent the three-fold Promise as originally laid down by the Founder; the base of the stalk represents the flame of the love of humanity; the vein pointing upwards through the centre of the Trefoil is the compass needle pointing the way; and the two stars represent the Promise and Law.



## **World Badge**

The World Badge, which incorporates the Trefoil, was first adopted at the 11th World Conference in Evian, France, in 1946 and features the gold World Trefoil on a blue background.

## **World Association Badge**

The World Association Badge was first adopted at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Conference in Bucze, Poland, in 1932. It is similar in design to the World Badge, and is worn by members of the World Board, its Committees, World Bureau staff, Guiders-in-Charge at the World Centres, Honorary Associates, and others, who carry out special duties for the World Association.

## **World Flag**

The golden Trefoil remains the focal point on a blue background. A white blaze in the lower, right-hand corner represents WAGGGS' commitment to peace. This is crowned by three golden blocks symbolising the three-fold Promise. It is used at the World Centres, the World Bureau, and WAGGGS' gatherings and by all Member Organizations, often as a unit flag.



## **The Motto**

The Motto, 'Be Prepared', shares the Founder's initials and is a practical reminder of the educational purposes of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.



## Good Turn

The Good Turn symbolises the service given by all members of the Movement to the community. Younger girls think of ways they can do a good turn every day, while older girls develop this further into service projects at local, national and international levels.

## Thinking Day

World Thinking Day, formerly Thinking Day, is celebrated annually on 22 February by all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The idea of celebrating Thinking Day approved in the 4th World Guide Conference, New York (USA) in 1926. Later on, it renamed as World Thinking Day in the 30th World Guide Conference, Ireland. World Thinking Day is a day of



international friendship. It is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect young women of 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries. It is also celebrated by Scout and Guide organizations and some boy-oriented associations around the world. It is a day when they think about their "sisters" (and "brothers") in all the countries of the world, the meaning of Guiding, and its global impact.

Most recently, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has selected an important international issue as the theme for each year's World Thinking Day, and selected a focus country from each of their five world regions. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts use these as an opportunity to study and appreciate other countries and cultures, and equally increase awareness and sensitivity on global concerns. Donations are collected for the Thinking Day Fund which supports projects to help Girl Guides and Scouts around the world. 22 February was chosen as it was the birthday of Scouting and Guiding founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell and of Lady Olave Baden-Powell, his wife and World Chief Guide. Other Scouts celebrate it as B.-P. Day or Founders' Day.

At the local level, the event is sometimes held to the closer weekend or another convenient date.

## World Thinking Day Fund

At the Seventh World Conference in Poland, a Belgian delegate suggested that the girls' appreciation and friendship should not only be shown by the exchange of wishes, but also through presents, which are after all typical of birthdays, in the form of a



voluntary contribution to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

In her first letter about the World Thinking Day Fund Lady Olave Baden Powell asked the Girl and Girl Scouts to donate "just a penny," in order to support the Movement.

The World Thinking Day Fund is used to help more girls and young women around the world by spreading the Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting programme.

## **World Thinking Day themes**

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts choose a theme for each World Thinking Day and propose related activities. Themes include:

**2005:** "Think about food"

**2006:** "Think about, talk about and do something about adolescent health issues"; often shortened to Think about adolescent health

**2007:** "Discover your potential by taking the lead, growing friendships, and speaking out"; often shortened to Discover your potential

**2008:** "Think about water"

**2009:** UN Millennium Development Goal 6: "Stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases"; often shortened to Stop the spread of diseases

**2010:** UN Millennium Development Goal 1: Girls worldwide say "Together we can end extreme poverty and hunger".

**2011:** UN Millennium Development Goal 3: Girls worldwide say "Empowering girls will change our world".

**2012:** "Environment": UN Millennium Development Goal 7: Girls worldwide say "We can save our planet".

**2013:** UN Millennium Development Goal 4: "Reduce child mortality" and UN Millennium Development Goal 5: "Improve maternal health"

**2014:** UN Millennium Development Goal 2: "Providing universal access to primary education"

**2015:** UN Millennium Development Goal 8: "Developing partnerships for global development"

**2016:** "Connect"

**2017:** "Grow"

**2018:** "Impact"





## **The Left Handshake**

The Founder suggested a Left Handshake to recognise other members of the Movement, and it is still used widely. When asked to explain the origin, Lord Baden-Powell related a legend told to him in West Africa: two hostile, neighbouring communities decided to try to live together in peace, and so they flung down their shields, which were carried on the left arm, and advanced, unprotected, to greet each other with their left hands extended in trust and friendship.

## **The World Song**

The World Song was adopted at the 13th World Conference in Oxford, UK, 1950.

***Our way is clear as we march on,  
And see! Our flag on high,  
Is never furled throughout the world,  
For hope shall never die!  
We must unite for what is right,  
In friendship true and strong,  
Until the earth,  
In its rebirth,  
Shall sing our song!  
Shall sing our song!***

***All those who loved the true and good,  
Whose promises were kept,  
With humble mind, whose acts were kind,  
whose honour never slept;  
These were the free!  
And we must be,  
Prepared like them to live,  
To give to all,  
Both great and small,  
All we can give***

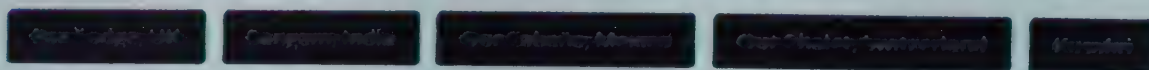




# Chapter 7

## World Centers

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has World Centres, located in Mexico, Switzerland, India, Africa and the United Kingdom



What is Kusaari World Centre?

Kusaari World Centre is using existing facilities to bring World Centre experiences to Africa. The 'centre' has no fixed site but changes location at every event, creating international experiences to girls and young women in different countries in Africa.

## Pax Lodge, UK World Centre:

### Past and Present

There have been three World Centres in London: Our Ark (1939), Olave House (1959) and Pax Lodge (1991).

### Our Ark

By the 1930s, more than one million girls and young women had already joined the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting movement. Many people recognized that Guides and Scouts visiting London needed a place to stay, so in 1937 the World Board agreed that a new World Centre would be established next door to the World Bureau.





Dame Katherine Furse, the first director of the World Bureau, spearheaded the World Centre project with a **"Pennies Appeal"** in her Thinking Day Letter.

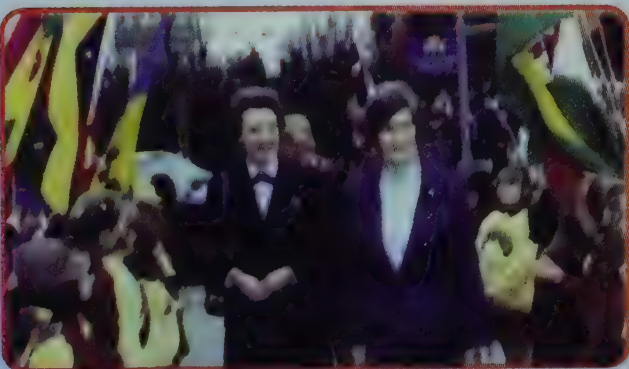
On 22 February, 1928, the pennies started pouring in and enough money was raised to purchase 11-13 Palace Street: Our Ark had finally set sail.

Our Ark was officially opened on 2 May, 1939. Its doors remained open throughout the Second World War, when it served as a safe haven for international Guides and Scouts.



## Olave House

As the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting movement grew, so did the World Bureau and the World Centre. At the 1957 World conference in Brazil, WAGGGS decided to ask its members to help raise money for a newer, bigger home for the Bureau and the Centre. Canadian Girl Guides and American Girl Scouts contributed by sponsoring bricks, and English Girl Guides raised money for the garden.



Our Ark sailed into a small Victorian hotel at Earl's Court, but the World Bureau decided to establish its new headquarters in the former Boy Scouts International Bureau.

During its Silver Jubilee ceremony in 1963, Our Ark was renamed "Olave House" in honor of Lady Olave Baden-Powell. Lady Baden-Powell herself presided over the ceremony



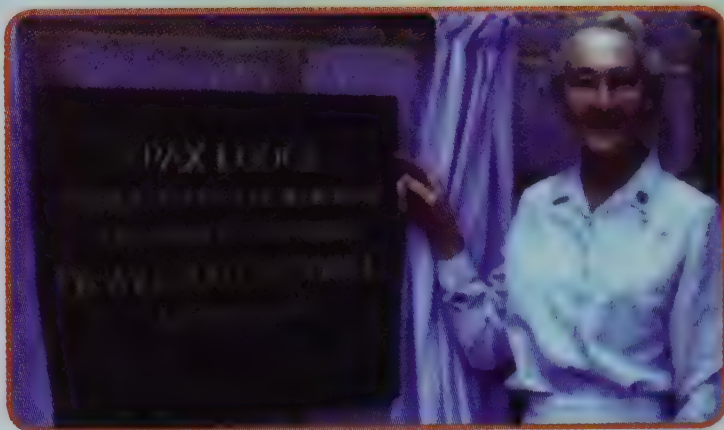


## Pax Lodge

By 1978, plans were made to reconnect Olave House and the World Bureau as part of the Olave Centre Project. The Project snapped up a plot of land in the quiet suburb of Hampstead, a neighbourhood renowned for its artistic and literary connections. The World Bureau was officially opened on February 15, 1985.



The Centre was renamed 'Pax Lodge' as a tribute to the Baden-Powells. The Latin word for peace, *pax*, was present in the names of their homes in England and Paxtu in Kenya. The name also highlights the importance of peace in the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting movement.



The foundation stone was unveiled in 1988 by The Honorable Mrs Betty Clay, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's daughter. The doors were also donated by members of the Baden-Powell family, to symbolize that the doors of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting are open to all women and girls.

On 15 March 1991, Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte of Denmark officially opened Pax Lodge. Since opening, Pax Lodge has welcomed hundreds of thousands of guests, including day visitors from more than 65 countries. The centre has become a gathering place for girls and young women seeking international friendship, WAGGGS education and warm accommodation.

Everyone at Pax Lodge helps WAGGGS achieve its goals through programmes, events and more.

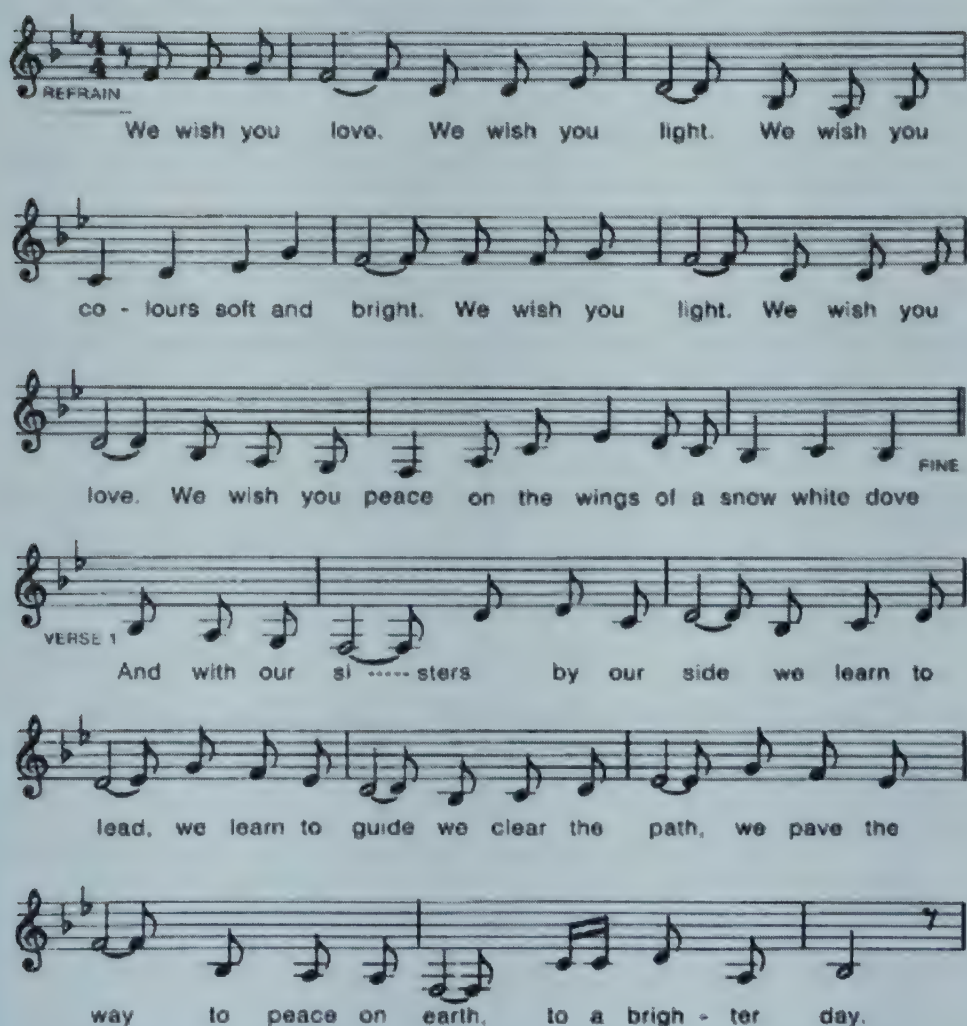


# The Story of the Pax Lodge Song

**"Each World Centre has its own song and I felt that Pax Lodge should have something new and full of life,** with an easy melody and universal appeal. The words should have a spiritual dimension reflecting both the meaning of 'Pax' and the symbolism of the white dove in the logo - Peace.

## PAX LODGE SONG

Written by Julie Felix



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six lines of music. The first line is labeled 'REFRAIN' and contains the lyrics 'We wish you love. We wish you light. We wish you'. The second line continues with 'co - lours soft and bright. We wish you light. We wish you'. The third line ends with 'love. We wish you peace on the wings of a snow white dove' and is marked 'FINE'. The fourth line is labeled 'VERSE 1' and contains the lyrics 'And with our si ..... sters by our side we learn to'. The fifth line continues with 'lead, we learn to guide we clear the path, we pave the'. The sixth line ends with 'way to peace on earth, to a brigh - ter day.'

## Chorus

Sometimes the road is hard and long  
And yet together we are strong  
And as we weave life's tapestry  
Each colour blends in harmony

## Chorus

Wherever we wander, wherever we roam  
Pax Lodge will always be our home  
A place where strangers soon are friends  
I'll meet you there, where the rainbow ends

## Chorus

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## Our Chalet

In 1929, WAGGGS' World Committee met in Holland and decided that a World Centre should be built for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world to share.



Our Chalet, the first WAGGGS World Centre, established in 1932 in Adelboden, Switzerland, was formally opened by the first World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell, and Mrs Helen Storrow.

### The Our Chalet story

In 1929, the World Committee of WAGGGS met in Holland and decided that a World Centre should be built for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in the world to share.

Immediately Mrs Helen Storrow, a Girl Scout leader from the USA, said she would donate the money for the construction and the first four years of operation of the centre, as long as it was built in Switzerland. The World Committee agreed and appointed a Swiss Scout, Ida Von Herrenschwand, or Falk as she was known, to help Mrs Storrow find the perfect location for the new World Centre.

During her visit, Mrs Storrow decided that she would like a little house of her own where she could stay and receive her own guests. She also wanted it to be ready for the official opening two months later! Thus, the Baby Chalet was built and is still available today for guests to stay in.

On 31 July 1932, Our Chalet was formally opened by the first World Chief Guide, Olave Baden-Powell, and Mrs Helen Storrow. Most of the village of Adelboden was present along with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world. The Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, challenged Our Chalet to become a school of goodwill and understanding among the future women of the world.

In 1986, Our Chalet hosted the first Helen Storrow seminar in memory of the founder of the World Centre. These sessions are still held today and focus on international education and awareness.



## The 1990s

Our Chalet's Diamond Jubilee on **31 July 1992** saw spectacular celebrations, including several performances of a pageant of Our Chalet's history taking guests through its story decade by decade. Many guests had been present at the opening of Our Chalet in 1932 including the Hon. Mrs Gervas Clay (**Betty Baden-Powell**).

Our Chalet was the first World Centre to launch its own web site on World Thinking Day 1998, and during Thinking Day week in 2001, the site was visited by over 70,000 people. In 2007, the site was relaunched once again, matching WAGGGS new image and look.

Staff and guests at Our Chalet celebrated the new Millennium with snow games and a camp fire, and by watching the spectacular fireworks over Adelboden. The new century brought with it a wider programme of activities, an upgrading of all the facilities including an Internet café and other modern facilities, and much improved staff training and customer care.

## Our Cabaña

Our Cabaña is one of WAGGGS' five World Centres and is located in the "**City of Eternal Spring**", Cuernavaca, Mexico.v



## A Dream Coming True

The Dream of a World Centre in the Western Hemisphere was conceived in 1946 during a training session in Cuba. The formal planning started six years later once the Eastern Hemisphere Committee and World Committee had given their approval.

On February 22 1956 the dedication for Our Cabaña with the presence of Lady BP was celebrated. It was on that day, that Lady BP donated the iconic blue door that greets every Girl Guide and Girl Scout to Our Cabaña (The Chief's Door) and welcomes them to the start of a wonderful adventure.



Behind this door lies a place with beautiful gardens where friendships start and strengthen. Our Cabaña was officially open in July 1957. Since then we have received more than 70,000 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world.



The first participants attended a "Juliette Low" Event. It was during this event that the Our Cabaña song was written, using the melody of a Mexican traditional birthday song: Las Mañanitas.

As time went by, more and more things were added to Our Cabaña: New dormitories, a conference room, a pool, a campfire circle, camping areas, volleyball and tennis courts, and even ramps to facilitate access to everyone. Right now Our Cabaña is designed to hold up to 90 guests, which makes it the biggest World Centre.

## Logo

Our Cabaña adopted the Cuernavaca City symbol as part of its logo. The tree represents the worldwide movement with more than 10 Million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The roots are a symbol of friendship, which starts at Our Cabaña and grows deep. The trunk shows the strength and continual growth of the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting movement. The three branches represent each part of the Guiding Promise. The drop of water has two meanings: It is an Aztec symbol of life and a pre-Hispanic symbol of communication. Our Cabaña logo is symbol of our communication with both the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting movement, and the community of Cuernavaca.

## Sangam World Centre

### Sangam Past and Present

Founded in 1966, Sangam is your World Centre in the WAGGGS Asia Pacific Region.





# The History of Sangam



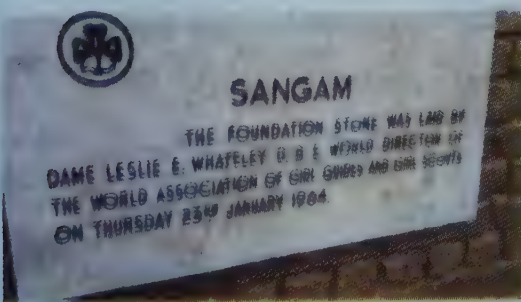
Sangam, WAGGGS' fourth World Centre, was first imagined at the 1956 WAGGGS International Commissioners' meeting in New Delhi. The idea to build a World Centre in the Asia Pacific Region was proposed. A year later, at the World Conference, the decision to build the new Centre in India was

finalised, thanks to the determination and hard work of Laxmi Mazumdar, the National Commissioner of India's Bharat Scouts and Guides, and the state of Maharashtra's generous donation of 7¾ acres of land to be used as the World Centre's site. The city of Pune, located in the state of Maharashtra in India, was selected because of its temperate climate, rich cultural history, strong tradition in education, and proximity to Bombay (now Mumbai).

In 1963, the building plans were approved at the World Conference in Denmark. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world raised over 50 per cent of the construction funds, and the foundation stone was laid in 1964.

## Sangam under construction

The name Sangam was chosen for its meaning in the ancient language of Sanskrit: '*coming together*'. The centre serves as a place for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world to come together to share their experiences, as well as the culture and traditions of their homelands and Member Organizations.



***The Foundation Stone of Sangam World Guide Centre was laid by DAME LESLIE E. WHATELEY, D.B.E. World Director of the WAGGGS on Thursday, 23rd January 1964.***

***On 16th October 1966 the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden Powell, came to India and declared the Centre open with the following words:***

"Love through knowledge and understanding – this will be carried out in full measure by the young people who will fill this place, and it is with deep joy in my heart that I declare Sangam open."







The years that followed have seen many Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world pass through the front doors as participants, guests, campers, staff and volunteers. Whether visiting for a few hours or staying several years –the voices, smiles and energy

of these people have given Sangam its spirit.

Over this time, Sangam has grown and changed with the times as new amenities, buildings and modern equipment have been added thanks to the hard work and generosity of supporters from around the world. Despite these changes, this unique Centre for international friendship and understanding has never strayed from its purpose as a place for new experiences and exploration of our world through Guiding and Scouting.

**2016 was the Golden Jubilee year of Sangam.**

## ***Sangam Song***

***'Come Into Sangam', the official Sangam Song?***

*Written by Jenny Barron and Margo Browning*

D A G A D

Come in— to San-gam. walk through the o-pen door—

A G A D

in this home of u-ni-ty— Lis-ten share and ex-plore

A D G A

Leave be-hind the bar-ri-ers— of cul-ture, race, and creed—

G D G D G A D

Come to-geth-er and be-gin— World har-mo-ny can suc-ceed—



*2. Look into faces  
Of ones who've come and gone.  
See the love that Shines from them  
The friendship that's been born.  
The oneness found at Sangam  
Brings joy to your soul.  
Share it with your sisters  
Your laughter will be whole.*

## **Kusafiri**

Kusafiri World Centre was established in 2010 to bring a World Centre experience to Africa



## **What is Kusafiri World Centre?**

Kusafiri World Centre is using existing facilities to bring World Centre experiences to Africa. The 'centre' has no fixed site but changes location at every event, creating international experiences to girls and young women in different countries in Africa.

## **How did the idea for Kusafiri World Centre come about?**

Kusafiri World Centre is the product of years of discussion to bring a World Centre experience to Africa. In 2010, at the Africa Regional Conference it was unanimously agreed that the Africa Committee would explore opportunities to deliver World Centre experiences in Africa.

In July 2011 during the 34th World Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, a motion was passed to create an experimental two-year pilot project that could potentially lead to the creation of a 'Fifth' World Centre in the Africa Region.

The project was evaluated, with results and recommendations presented at the 35th World Conference in Hong Kong in 2014. The conference voted unanimously for the following:



The Fifth World Centre Pilot study has demonstrated the value of establishing a presence in Africa to host world centre international experiences in line with WAGGGS Vision 2020.

- ★ Noting the investment that has been made in developing the Fifth World Centre concept and the results within the last triennium and in order to enable WAGGGS to reach more girls and young women, and offer an experience based on the unique and special offerings of this continent it is recommended:
  - ★ That funds be raised externally in order that development work may continue in 2015 to 2017, with a view to having a financially sustainable model in place, which supports WAGGGS' strategic aims and objectives in relation to WAGGGS' international experiences, before the start of 2018.
  - ★ That responsibility for on-going evaluation and decision making on emerging options be delegated to the World Board, in consultation with the Africa Region Committee and World Centres Committee.
  - ★ That a further progress report be presented to the 36th World Conference in 2017.
  - ★ That for 2015 to 2017 the World Board, in consultation with Africa Region Committee, consider the possibility of one-off international activities or events in Africa which continue to invest in Member Organization capacity development and capital improvements in MO training centres, subject to funding, resources and partners being identified.

In October 2015, the 'Fifth' World Centre was given its new name, Kusafiri World Centre. Kusafiri means 'to journey' in Swahili.

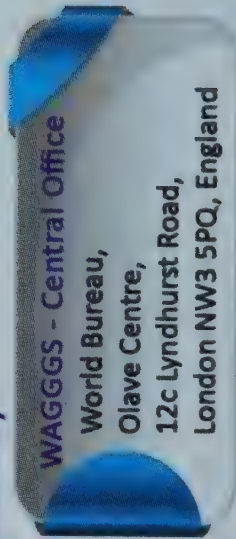
### **Which Member Organisations have been involved so far?**

- Ghana
- South Africa
- Rwanda
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Benin





## World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)



WAGGGS with 10 million\* members with 146 countries across the world.



## Our World Centres

- Kusafiri : Africa (2010)
- Our Chalet : Switzerland (1932)
- Our Cabana : Morelos, Mexico (1957)
- Pax Lodge : London, UK (1991)
- Sangam : Pune, INDIA (1966)
- World Centre

Source: wagggs.org



# WAGGGS Regions and 146 Member Organisations

	Africa Region	Arab Region	Asia Pacific Region	Europe Region	Western Hemisphere Region
1	Benin	Bahrain	Australia	Armenia	Antigua & Barbuda
2	Botswana	Egypt	Bangladesh	Austria	Argentina
3	Burkina Faso	Jordan	Brunei Darussalam	Belarus	Aruba
4	Burundi	Kuwait	Cambodia	Belgium	Bahamas
5	Cameroon	Lebanon	Cook Islands	Cyprus	Barbados
6	Central African Republic	Libya	Fiji	Czech Republic	Belize
7	Chad	Mauritania	Hong Kong	Denmark	Bolivia
8	Congo	Oman	India	Estonia	Brazil
9	Democratic Republic of Congo	Qatar	Japan	Finland	Canada
10	Gambia	Sudan	Kiribati	France	Chile
11	Ghana	Syria	Korea	Georgia	Colombia
12	Guinea	Tunisia	Malaysia	Germany	Costa Rica
13	Ivory Coast	United Arab Emirates	Maldives	Greece	Curaçao
14	Kenya	Yemen	Mongolia	Hungary	Dominica
15	Lesotho		Myanmar	Iceland	Dominican Republic
16	Liberia		Nepal	Ireland	Ecuador
17	Madagascar		New Zealand	Israel	El Salvador
18	Malawi		Pakistan	Italy	Grenada
19	Mauritius		Papua New Guinea	Latvia	Guatemala
20	Namibia		Philippines	Liechtenstein	Guyana
21	Nigeria		Singapore	Lithuania	Haiti
22	Rwanda		Solomon Islands	Luxembourg	Honduras
23	Senegal		Sri Lanka	Malta	Jamaica
24	Sierra Leone		Taiwan	Monaco	Mexico
25	South Africa		Thailand	Netherlands	Nicaragua
26	South Sudan		Tonga	Norway	Panama, Republic of
27	Swaziland			Poland	Paraguay
28	Tanzania			Portugal	Peru
29	Togo			Romania	Saint Kitts & Nevis
30	Uganda			Russian Federation	Saint Lucia
31	Zambia			San Marino	Saint Vincent and The Grenadines
32	Zimbabwe			Slovak Republic	Surinam
33				Slovenia	Trinidad & Tobago
34				Spain	United States of America
35				Sweden	Venezuela
36				Switzerland	
37				Turkey	
38				Ukraine	
39				United Kingdom	





# Chapter 8

## Awards

### Olave award

An international Award to honour the memory of the World Chief Guide, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell

We recognise the vital support of OB-PS members through our prestigious awards, which enable us to show our special gratitude to our generous and committed supporters.



The Olave Award is an international Award to honour the memory of the World Chief Guide, Lady Olave Baden-Powell and to keep alive her belief in the spirit of service. It is awarded every three years at the World Conference by WAGGGS to groups of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts who have created positive change in their community.

The last Olave Award for 2012-2014 recognised projects that contributed to the UN Millennium Development Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education (using education to open doors for all girls and boys) or have used education as a way of bringing change to the community.

We received 20 nominations from 15 countries with more than 5,540 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts involved and more than 13,460 people impacted. The Olave 2012-2014 went to local groups from Japan, Zambia, USA, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka and was awarded at the 34<sup>th</sup> World Conference that took place in Hong Kong (2014).

### WAGGGS Medals

WAGGGS Medals are given to express gratitude to selected leaders, members and non-members of the Movement who have distinguished themselves in their outstanding service to the Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting at both national and global levels. It is a prestigious and the highest form of recognition for works done for WAGGGS and can be work at any time.



The silver medal is the highest accolade; bronze is awarded for exceptional service. The medal may be worn at any time.

Bronze and silver lapel pins are given to individuals who have received a silver or bronze medal. It is presented to awardees on appropriate occasions.

The next WAGGGS medal will be given at the **World Conference**.

### **Who is eligible?**

To be eligible to receive the medal, an individual needs to have done exceptional work for Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting movement of an outstanding value and be nominated by members of the world board and its committees.

### **What is the selection process?**

Once all the nominations are received, all applications go through rigorous review process by the World Board.

### **Presentation of the medals**

The date and venue for presentation of the Medal is at the discretion of the World Board Chairman's Team (World Board Chairman, Deputy Chairman/men, Treasurer and Chief Executive). The WAGGGS World Board Chairman, or, if she is unavailable, a member of the World Board, will present the Award.

## **Olave Baden-Powell Society**

### **Global Supporters Award**

**£15,000 +**

Launched just this year, our 'Global Supporter' award honours those who have donated over £15,000. Awardees are presented with a special certificate and handmade, woven OB-PS scarf at our annual events. We were proud to present 10 awards at our last event in Tampere, Finland and hope to be able to bestow many more.





## Princess Benedikte Award

£25,000 +

Those who have donated a cumulative total of at least £25,000 are recognized with the Princess Benedikte Award, our most prestigious award from our royal patron.



It is usually presented at a special ceremony during the Gala Dinner celebration at our annual events, but also at dedicated presentation ceremonies. Awardees receive a unique Princess Benedikte Award pin, made in Copenhagen, featuring the royal patron's insignia, as well as a personal letter of thanks from HRH Princess Benedikte.

In 2006 we presented our first 3 Princess Benedikte Awards and since then have awarded it to 17 of our supporters.

## Juliette Low Seminar

The Juliette Low Seminar is the WAGGGS' flagship leadership development programme for young women that has been running and growing since 1932!

The seminar gives young women from around the world the chance to connect on issues they care about and take the lead as agents of change in their communities.

Get out amongst Sangam's Community Partners, explore Community, Leadership and Advocacy in WAGGGS and then use your skills to develop and lead a Community Action Project. Take part in this exciting event with others from around the world, learn about the traditions of an ancient yet changing India and experience international friendship in one of the WAGGGS World Centres. The Juliette Low Seminar offers you a space to experience personal development, challenges and fun!

This is a WAGGGS **Leadership** event.

**Ages: 18-25**



## Chapter 9

# Governance

Learn more about the governing bodies of WAGGGS.

We want to make sure our work achieves our Mission to 'enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.' To do this, we need a robust and transparent governance system in place.

WAGGGS represents a Movement of 146 Member Organisations. We want our members to have a voice in all our strategic decisions. We are led by a strong World Board, who represent the diversity of the Movement and are passionate about empowering girls and young women as leaders and advocates.

This section provides details of our governance system, which has three key features:

- ★ **World Conference**, the key decision-making body for the Association which meets triennially. All Member Organizations are invited to send two delegates to the conference who vote on policies and standards for the following three years.
- ★ **World Board** Is made up of 17 active Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting members from around the world who are democratically elected by all Member Organizations at the World Conference. Each region elects a Chair at their Regional Conference every three years and the five Regional Chairs also sit on the World Board.
- ★ **World Bureau**, the secretariat of WAGGGS, located in London, UK.





# Chapter 10

## World Conference

Held every three years, the World Conferences are the key part of policy making for WAGGGS.

The first World Conference was held in 1920, in Oxford, UK, under the auspices of the International Council, which in 1928 became WAGGGS. World Conference takes place every three years.

All Member Organizations are invited to send two delegates who vote on WAGGGS policies for the following three years.

### Previous World Conferences:

- 2017: India
- 2014: Hong Kong
- 2011: Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2008: Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2005: Amman, Jordan
- 2002: Manila, Philippines
- 1999: Dublin, Ireland
- 1996: Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 1993: Nyborg, Denmark
- 1990: Singapore
- 1987: Njoro, Kenya
- 1984: Tarrytown, New York, USA
- 1981: Orléans, France
- 1978: Tehran, Iran
- 1975: Sussex, UK
- 1972: Toronto, Canada
- 1969: Otaniemi, Finland
- 1966: Tokyo, Japan
- 1963: Nyborg, Denmark
- 1960: Athens, Greece
- 1957: Petropolis, Brazil
- 1954: Zeist, The Netherlands
- 1952: Dombås, Norway
- 1950: Oxford, UK
- 1948: Cooperstown, New York, USA



1946: Evian, France  
1943: Adelboden, Switzerland  
1938: Adelboden, Switzerland  
1936: Stockholm, Sweden  
1932: Bucze, Poland  
1930: Foxlease, UK  
1928: Parad, Hungary  
1926: Briarcliff Manor, New York, USA  
1924: Foxlease, UK  
1922: Cambridge, UK  
1920: Oxford, UK

## Highlights of WAGGGS 36<sup>th</sup> World Conference at New Delhi, India in 2017

WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) 36<sup>th</sup> World Conference was organized from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 at Hotel Pullman, Aerocity, New Delhi (India). This conference takes place at the interval of every three years on various themes. The theme of this 36<sup>th</sup> World Conference was **"For her world"**. In this conference 119 countries from all over the world participated.

From Bharat Scouts and Guides India, following participants attended this Conference:

Mrs. Geeta Natraj and Dr. Vimla Meghwal as Delegates.

Shri B.I. Nagarale, Mrs. Kempa Pakam, Dr. Veena Pradhan, Ms. Suman Lata Arora, Ms. Willess Tariang and Ms. Rithelma Passah as Observers.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2017 - Introductory session of Conference:

The Introductory Session of conference was held on the previous day i.e. on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2017. Conference started with the orientation sessions in four languages Arabic, Spanish, English and French. The orientation session in English began at 7.00 PM. Indian delegates and observers participated in this session.





**18<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2017:**

On the first day of the conference, the Welcome session started with the general meeting at 8.30 AM which was followed by two continues sessions on opening business and membership respectively. During these sessions, detailed deliberations were made on business organisations as well as different modes to increase the membership of WAGGGS. During membership session, Associate member countries became the full members by adhering to the principles of WAGGGS.

At 4.15 PM, there was a session for World Board nominees. During the session all candidates who were contesting the election for World Board gave their presentation on the achievements and services rendered by them to the WAGGGS. Main candidates were from Greece, Maldives, Canada, UK, Finland, Indonesia, South Africa, Ireland and Kenya.

### **Inaugural Ceremony :**

In the evening of the opening day, inaugural ceremony was celebrated. Chief Guest of the inaugural ceremony was Mrs. Smriti Irani, Cabinet Minister for Information and Broadcasting. HRH Princess Benedikte of Denmark presided over the ceremony. Ms. Nicola Grinstead World Board Chair, WAGGGS, Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, President of Bharat Scouts and Guides, Dr. K.K. Khandelwal, Chief National Commissioner were present as special guests of the event.



In her address to the Forum, Mrs. Smriti Irani said that the WAGGGS has chosen the right time i.e. Navratri for 36<sup>th</sup> World Conference in India with the theme **"For her World"** as Navratri is the auspicious period in India, when Girls are worshipped as Deity and proper respect and honour is given to them. She described in her speech that the mission of the WAGGGS is to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. Other dignitaries also addressed the Forum.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2017:

**Reflection** – The second day of the conference was started with the reflection of conference by Girl guides of Delhi. They performed various programmes to depict the culture and heritage of India. There were two discussion sessions on proposed motions and amendments. All the participants raised various issues and also gave suggestions for strengthening the WAGGGS

**Market of Ideas** - There was an international market organized where all the participating countries displayed their literature, models and materials to disseminate the objectives of their country projects related to equality of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

From 4 PM onwards, co-meetings on various issues started as follows: Global Connections, Free Being Me Network Meeting, Springboard, Single Gender Associations in Europe, Invitation to mentor new countries, Ten largest girl-only MOs, U-report Network Meeting, WAGGGS mission in co-education and Meeting for Chief Executives.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2017:

On the third day of the conference there were four technical sessions which were conducted in 8 meeting rooms separately. During these sessions detailed talks were held by eminent experts. All these sessions were very interactive and participants of different countries shared their views with great enthusiasm. Delegates and Observers of India also participated in these sessions in the group of two each in different rooms.

Topics of these technical sessions were Making it easier for everyone to join the movement, What makes a high quality programme?, Designing a value proposition, Good governance and conflict management, Working with refugees and vulnerable communities, Growing Guiding through partnerships, Growing a culture of volunteering, Pathway to Empowerment: focus on the +12 programme, Participatory vision building for your organisation, International experiences for all, Using technology to understand membership, Succession planning for sustainable results, Action for change: Inspiring youth led social action, Partnerships to strengthen



programme quality, Spirituality in the Movement today, Mainstreaming diversity and inclusion, Launching WAGGGS new leadership model, Young people at the heart of youth programme, Impact of the Girl Scout and Girl Guide experience, Future Leaders Project, Action on Body Confidence, Power of your brand, Creating advocacy opportunities for young people, Making a difference emergency response, Inspiring and sustaining organisational change, Social entrepreneurship, Addressing gender inequality in governance, Girls in the Lead: discover the YESS programme, Adapting global programmes: participation & technology, Mapping people's experience of Girl Scouts, Youth participation and empowerment and Voices against Violence: reaching national impact.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Sept., 2017 :**

On the fourth day of the conference reflection started at 8:30 am. After this session there were two voting sessions leading to amendments in policies of WAGGGS on the proposed motions and respective amendments. All the countries participated in these sessions and gave their approval/disapproval with certain norms and logic. This day was totally committed to Motion and amendments. At the end of the day, there was an international night & World Market organised where all countries displayed articles and eatables which were popular in their countries. The purpose of this event was to showcase culture, handicrafts and heritage of different countries through different items as well as to raise money and donate to WAGGGS. People showed enthusiasm towards purchasing and exchanging ideas. Reflections of all countries were performed in the late evening

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Sept., 2017:**

On the last day of the conference, the session started with Regional reflection and regional gatherings under which participants of all the five regions namely Africa region, Arab region, Asia Pacific Region, Europe region and Western hemisphere regions gathered in different rooms and discussed on region-wise issues. India attended the Asia Pacific region gathering. During this regional meeting session, it was announced from the Dias that **"India is highest in census" in Asia Pacific Region.** This declaration has been a matter of pride for India and showed India's existence in the conference. In this session, Princess of Malaysia was present and presented



pins and certificates to the members of the Asia Pacific Region. Her Highness Princess of Denmark also greeted the members of Asia Pacific Region.

**Voting session for election of World Board Nominee:**

In the afternoon session, the main activity of the conference was Election of World Board Member which started with great zeal. 9 Members from different countries contested Election and after seventh round, six members were elected:-

- |                         |   |              |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1. Heidi Jokinen        | - | Finland      |
| 2. Tashia Batstone      | - | Canada       |
| 3. Normala Baharudin    | - | Malaysia     |
| 4. Katerina Agorogianni | - | Greece       |
| 5. Zine Madyibi         | - | South Africa |
| 6. Jayne Wachira        | - | Kenya        |

Apart from this two more members were also elected in next two rounds as follows:

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|-----------------------|---|-------|
| 7. Jillianvan Turnout | - | Irish |
| 8. Catherine Irwin    | - | U.K.  |

After the Election **Ana Maria Mideros from PERU** was declared as the Chair person of the WAGGGS World Board.

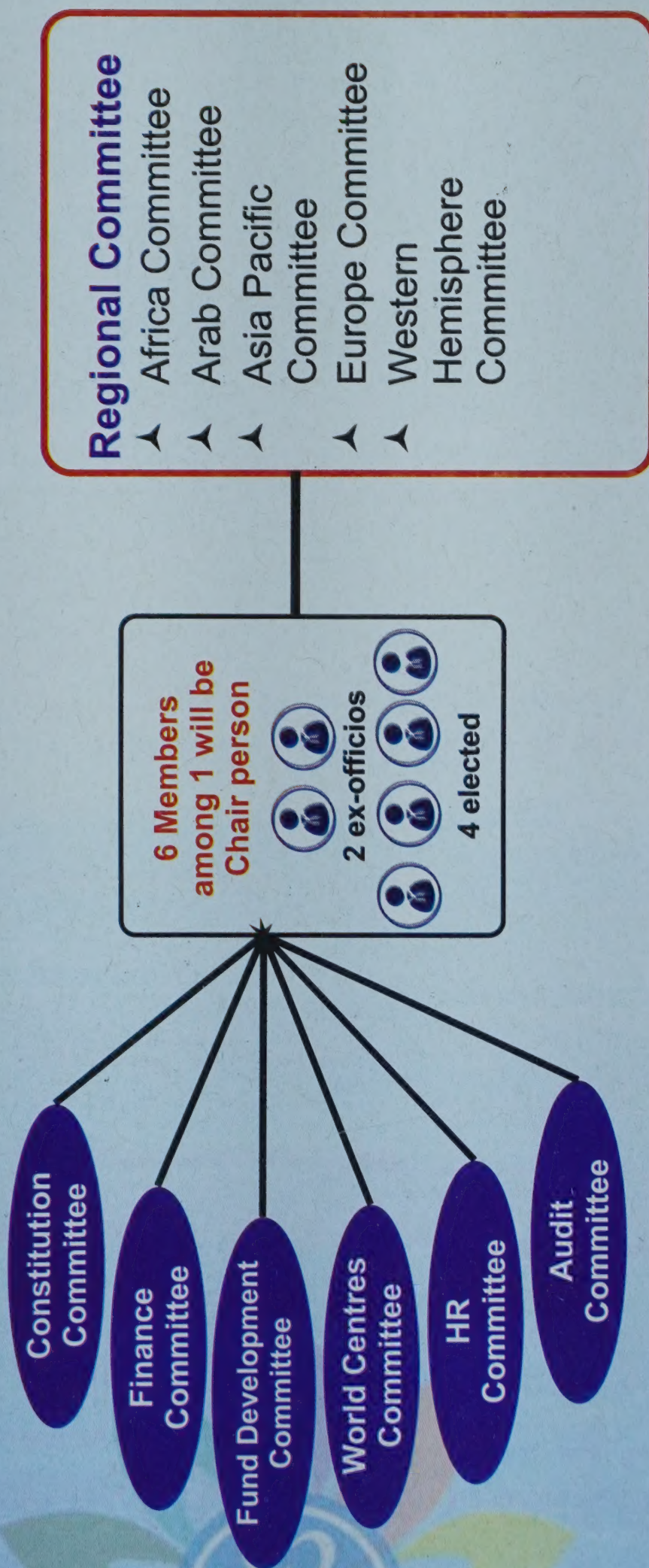
It was declared to hold the next World Conference in the year 2020 in **UGANDA**.

At the end of the day, the conference concluded with Awards in closing ceremony followed by Dinner hosted by the Bharat Scouts and Guides.





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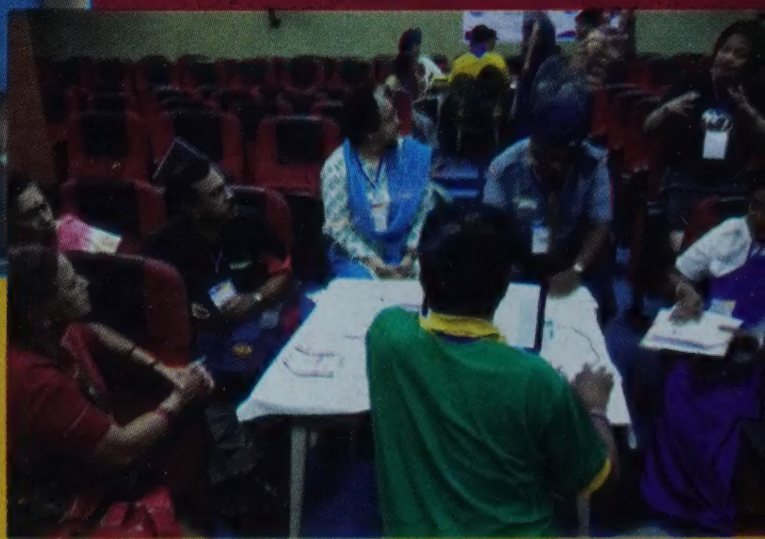




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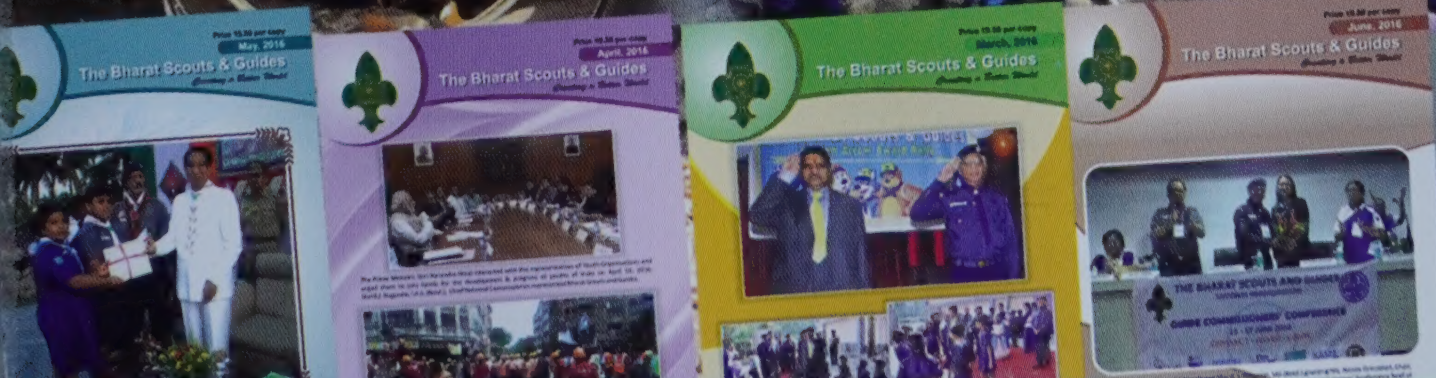


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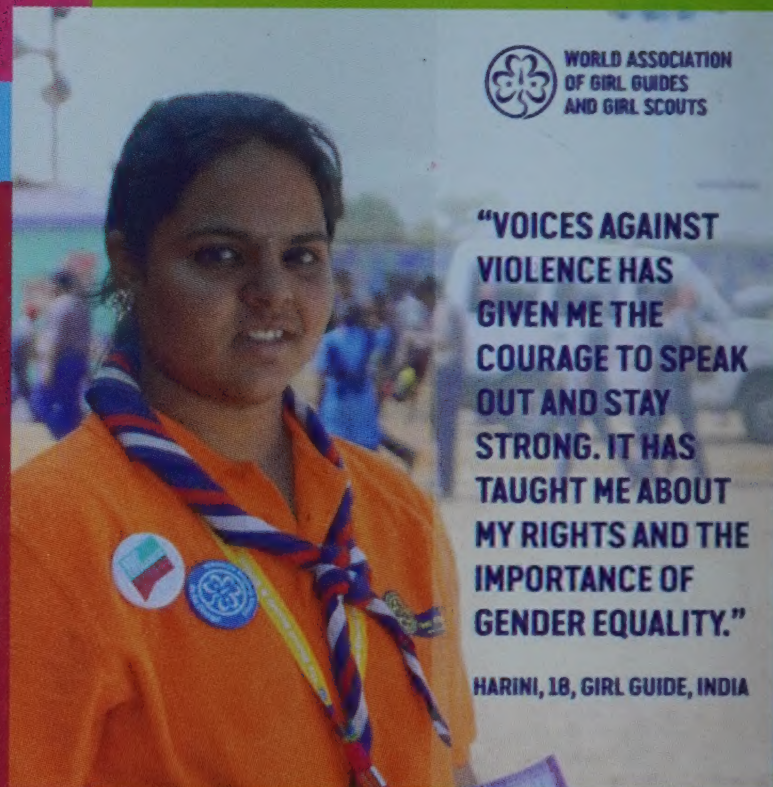
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